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Subject: Written Information Responsive to the Workshop Questions for the Bay-Delta Workshop 1 – Ecosystem Changes and Low Salinity Zone

Dear Mr. Hoppin:

The Department of Fish and Game (Department) appreciates the opportunity to participate in the above referenced workshop. As described in its June 22, 2012 Notice of Public Workshops and Request for Information, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is requesting information related to the comprehensive Phase 2 review and update to the 2006 Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary (Bay-Delta Plan). The Department encloses herein information (Attachment 1) that is responsive to the questions that the State Water Board has proposed for discussion during the Bay-Delta Workshop 1 – Ecosystem Changes and Low Salinity Zone.

In prior workshops, the Department submitted information and testimony to assist the State Water Board in its review of southern Delta salinity and San Joaquin River flow objectives, and contributed to the State Water Board's 2010 report, "Development of Flow Criteria for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Ecosystem." In addition, in November 2010, the Department submitted its own report to the State Water Board entitled "Quantifiable Biological Objectives and Flow Criteria for Aquatic and Terrestrial Species of Concern Dependent on the Delta."

Attachment 1 summarizes updated scientific and technical information that the Department has obtained since 2010. The Department will participate in the Ecosystem Changes and Low Salinity Zone workshop and will continue to offer its scientific and technical expertise at subsequent workshops in an effort to assist the State Water Board in its update of the Bay-Delta Plan.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Glenda Marsh at (916) 445-1739 or at gdmarch@dfg.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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